GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Public Servants – Revenue Department- Initiation of Departmental Proceedings against Sri P. Venkateswarlu, Deputy Tahsildar, O/o Tahsildar, C.S. Puram Mandal, Prakasam District – Articles of Charges - Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE-V) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 1513 Dated: 01-12-2025

Read:

From the DG., ACB Lr. RC.No. 99/RCT-NPK/2017, Dt. 14.06.2023

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O R D E R

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri P. Venkateswarlu, Deputy Tahsildar, O/o Tahsildar, C.S. Puram Mandal, Prakasam District in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules.

2. The substance of the imputation of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure-I) and a statement of imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III and IV).

3. Sri P. Venkateswarlu, Deputy Tahsildar, O/o Tahsildar, C.S. Puram Mandal, Prakasam District is directed to submit his written statement of defence, within seven days of the receipt of this Order.

4. Sri P. Venkateswarlu, Deputy Tahsildar, O/o Tahsildar, C.S. Puram Mandal, Prakasam District is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri P. Venkateswarlu, Deputy Tahsildar, O/o Tahsildar, C.S. Puram Mandal, Prakasam District is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para-3 above, further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri P. Venkateswarlu, Deputy Tahsildar, O/o Tahsildar, C.S. Puram Mandal, Prakasam District is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect

of matters pertaining to his service under Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings, it will be presumed that he is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of this order may be acknowledged.

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To

Sri P. Venkateswarlu, Deputy Tahsildar, O/o Tahsildar, C.S. Puram Mandal, Prakasam District (through the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri) (with a request to serve the order on the individual and send the served copy with dated signature to Government).

The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, AP, Mangalagiri.

Copy to

The Collector & District Magistrate, Prakasam District, Ongole.
The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, AP, Vijayawada.
The Secretary to AP Vigilance Commissioner, APVC, Secretariat, Velagapudi.
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//FORWARDED:: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE-1

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI PONNARUSU VENKATESWARLU, DEPUTY TAHSILDAR, CHANDRASEKHARAPURAM (C.S. PURAM) MANDAL, PRAKASAM DISTRICT

That Sri Ponnarusu Venkateswarlu, S/o Chinna Nagaraj, while functioning as Deputy Tahsildar, C.S. Puram, Mandal during t h e period from 28.08.2014 to 20.06.2018, committed grave misconduct inasmuch as.

The Government Servant, Sri Ponnarusu Venkateswarlu, Deputy Tahsildar, C. S Puram, Prakasam District failed to supervise the functioning of the VROs working under his control, he exhibited gross negligence of duties and slack supervision over his sub-ordinates and failed to maintain office records properly and thereby violated Rule 3 (5) of APCS (Conduct) Rules 1964.

Thus, Sri Ponnarusu Venkateswarlu by his above-mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty, conduct unbecoming Servant besides failing to exercise proper control over the sub-ordinates working under his control and thereby contravened Rule 3 (1), (2) & (5) of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules 1964.

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI PONNARUSU VENKATESWARLU, DEPUTY TAHSILDAR, CHANDRASEKHARAPURAM (C.S. PURAM) MANDAL, PRAKASAM DISTRICT

Sri Ponnarusu Venkateswarlu S/ o Chinna Nagaiah is a native of Kanigiri of Prakasam district. His date of birth is 01.07.1972. He joined Govt, Service on 01. 10.2003. He worked as Deputy Tahsildar in O/o the Tahsildar, C.S. Puram from 28.08.2014 to 20.06.2018. He is here-in-after referred to as Government Servant.

Article of Charge:

The Government Servant, Sri Ponnarusu Venkateswarlu, Deputy Tahsildar, C.S Puram, Prakasam District failed to supervise the functioning of the VROs working under his control, he exhibited gross negligence of duties and slack supervision over his sub-ordinates and failed to maintain office records properly and thereby violated Rule 3 (5) of APCS (Conduct) Rules 1964.

FACTS AND EVIDENCE:

On the strength of the report of Sri Ambala Kishore S/o Ramachandra age 37 yrs, Kaniigiri Nagara Panchayat, Prakasam District, On 27.06.2017 at 8.30 AM, a case in Cr.No.5/RCT-OGL/2017 of ACB, Prakasam district was registered against Sri Kondabathina Bramhaiah, S/o Jalaiah age 48-yrs, S C Mala, Village Revenue Officer, Munusuru Village, Chandrasekhar Puram @ C.S. Puram Mandal, Prakasam District R/o Pamur (Village & Mandal), Prakasam District, for demanding bribe amount of Rs. 15,000/ - from the

complainant for doing an official favour the applications of the complainant and his mother Smt Ambala Lakshmi for mutation and e-pattadar pass books/Title deeds with regard to the lands registered in their names at Musunnuru (V) of C.S. Puram mandal and to handover the e-pattadar passbooks /Title deeds to the Complainant after their receipt from Chennai after printing. On the same day i.e., on 27.06.2017, a trap was laid and the accused VRO Sri Kondabathina Bramhaiah was caught red-handed by ACB while demanding and accepting the bribe amount of Rs. 15,000/ - from the complainant in O/o the Tahsildar, C.S. Puram.

On 27.06.2017, during the post trap proceedings, the accused VRO Sri Kondabathina Bramhaiah stated that the bribe amount would be shared by the staff O/o the Tahsildar, C.S. Puram including the Tahsildar and Dy. Tahsildar. Further, during the post-trap proceedings, the Tahsildar Smt. Yeramala Mercy Kumari stated before the DSP and mediators that, after the Tahsildar approves any file pertaining to issuance of e-pattadar pass books to the applicant, the data entry operator uploads the information regarding the particulars of the lands held by the applicant in Web land site in her presence which will go on-line to Madras Security Printers, Pvt. Limited, Chennai. The said agency will prepare the e-Pattadar Pass book and sends the same either to the postal address of the applicant directly or to the Tahsildar Office concerned through Post. Upon receipt of e-Pattadar Pass Books from Chennai, the Government servant (Deputy Tahsildar) has to hand over the Pattadar Pass Books to the VROs concerned. The VROs concerned has to handover the e-pattadar pass books to the applicants by obtaining their signature in the Form- 17 Register. The Tahsildar further stated that, though they were ought to do, they have not been maintaining any register in O/ o Tahsildar C.S. Puram to note the receipt of applications for e-pattadar pass books/title deeds in which they have to obtain the signature of the VRO to whom the application was endorsed for verification.

The above circumstances reveal that the Government servant failed supervise the functioning of the VROs working under his control so also failed to ensure proper maintenance of Form- 17 Register in the Tahsildar office in which the signatures of the applicants as a token of receipt of their e-pattadar pass books is obtained.

Thus, Sri Ponnarusu Venkateswarlu by his above-mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty, conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant besides failing to exercise proper control over the sub-ordinates working under her control and thereby contravened Rule 3 (1), (2) & (5) of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules 1964.

In the light of above facts, the Government Servant is therefore rendered him liable for departmental action for major penalty.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF WITNESSES

1. Sri Ambala Kishore, S/o Ramachandra Reddy, Age 37 yrs, Kanigiri Nagara Panchayat, Prakasam District (Complainant)

2. Sri Pulivarthi Narayanaswamy, S/o Kondaiah, Age 29-yrs, Kothapalli Village, Pedacherlopalli @ P.C. Palli Mandal, Prakasam District (Friend of Complainant).

3. Sri Yerla Narendra, S/o Venkata Narayana, Age 23-yrs, Private Data Entry Operator, O/o Tahsildar, C.S. Puram.

4. Sri Makkena Ramesh, S/o Hanumantha Rao, Age 44-yrs, Assistant Engineer, O/o EE., PIU Division, Ongole, R/o Sri Anjaneya Enclave, Flat No.401, Abhyudayanagar, Adddanki. Cell No.9440924780.

5. Sri Myla Jayarao, S/o Elia, Age S6-yrs, Sr. Asst., O/o SE., PR, Ongole. R/o 4 Lane Bhaghyanagar, back side of Krishna Memorial School, Ongole. Cell No.9618597163.

6. Sri T. Prabhakar, formerly DSP, ACB, Prakasam Dist., Ongole.

7. Sri T. Sanjeevi kumar, formerly Inspector, ACB, Prakasam Dist., Ongole.

8. Any other witnesses found relevant will be produced during the enquiry.

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF RECORDS

1. F.I.R. in Cr.No.5/RCT-OGL/2017 dt: 27.06.2017

2. Mediators Report-11, dt: 27.06.2017

3. Copy of Official favour pending file containing the applications of the Complainant and his mother and other connected documents.

4. Any documents found relevant will be produced during the enquiry.

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